

season there has been some improvement in milk supply to Mother Dairy by the cooperative Federations, the overall availability of milk fat is not, as yet, adequate for switching over to toned milk.

[English]

Pamba-Achencovil-Vaigai Link Project

1328. SHRI PALA K.M. MATHEW: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the feasibility study regarding Pamba-Achencovil-Vaigai Link Project has since been complete;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken in this regard so far?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) to (c). The National Water Development Agency has completed pre-feasibility report of Pamba-Achankovil-Vaigai Link Project. The project envisages construction of one dam each on Pamba and achankovil in Kerala. The two dams will be interlinked by a 12 Km. long tunnel. A lift varying from 15 metre to 60 metre is involved for pumping the water from Achankovil to the link canal. Thereafter a 233 Km. long canal for taking 664 million cubic metre of water to Vaippar and Vaigai basins is proposed to be constructed. The pre-feasibility report prepared by the Agency has been sent to the Governments of Kerala and Tamil Nadu for their comments. The report was also discussed in the 15th meeting of the Technical Advisory committee of the Agency held on 14.6.1991 and the Government of Tamil Nadu was requested to take up the inter-State aspects with the Government of Kerala for arriving at a consensus for implementation of this project.

Utilisation of Waste Gas in Bombay High

1329. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA:

SHRI SURYA NARAYAIN YADAV:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal for utilisation of waste gas which is burning in Bombay High;

(b) Whether any proposal from the Government of Kerala has been received in this regard; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c). A letter has been received from the Government of Kerala for laying a pipeline from Bombay Offshore to Kerala. The question of setting up a Southern Gas Grid is being examined by an Inter-Ministerial Group.

Rise in Price of Stainless Steel

1330. DR. SHRIMATI K.S. SOUNDARAM: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the price of Stainless Steel produced by the Salem Steel Rolling Mill has alarmingly gone up;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the norms adopted for fixing the price;

(d) whether the Union Government propose to reduce the stainless steel price; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (c). The price of Stainless Steel produced by Salem Steel Plant was revised upward with effect from 26.7.1991 taking into consideration several

factors like increase in the production cost owing to general escalation, adjustments in the foreign exchange parity rates of Rupee and impact of interest on letter of credit margin money, market prices, etc. The price rise is in the range of Rs. 11,500 per tonne to Rs. 32,200 per tonne depending on the grades of material.

(d) and (e). Stainless Steel items are not subject to any price or distribution control of the Government of India.

Bauxite Deposits In Kerala

1331. SHRIMATI SUSEELA GOPALAN: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have conducted any exploration work for locating Bauxite in Kasargode and Kannoor districts of Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the time by which the exploration work is likely to be started there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Geological Survey of India (GSI) carried out preliminary investigations including drilling for bauxite in Kasargode and Kannoor districts of Kerala during 1967 to 1974.

(b) Total reserves of 10.661 million tonnes of bauxite with alumine 40 to 59 per cent and silica 1 to 9 per cent were estimated. Deposit wise break-up being 0.44 MT in Anantapur-gudda, 1.83 MT in Kumbia and 0.70 MT in Narayanamangalam taluk of Kasargode district and 0.71 MT in Kanhangad, 6.1 MT in Nileshtar and 1.52 MT in Taliparambe blocks of Kannoor district.

(c) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Indira Gandhi Nahar Project

1332. SHRIANANDRATNA MAURYA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the present position of the Indira Gandhi Nahar Project in Rajasthan;

(b) whether assistance from other Ministries is being sought for the implementation of the Project;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the estimated cost of the project and the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon during 1991-92; and

(e) whether the Government propose to make lump sum provision for the project in order to limit the plan expenditure?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) The Indira Gandhi Nahar Project is being implemented in two stages. Stage I of the project with an irrigation potential of 5.78 lakh hectares has been completed and potential almost fully utilised. The main canal of the Stage II has been completed and work on the distribution system is in hand. Against the design potential of 8.10 lakh hectares, a potential of 1.86 lakh hectares has been created till March, 1991.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The approved cost of the Stage I project is Rs. 931.24 crores covering canal works and unlined water courses. The State Government have not submitted the revised estimate with updated canal costs and area development works including lined water courses. An outlay of Rs. 78.70 crores has been proposed by the State Government for